GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1149
ANSWERED ON:02.08.2006
COMPENSATION TO KUWAIT WAR VICTIMS .
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether requests for Kuwait war compensation from large number of people particularly from Kerala are still being received;

(b) If so, the details in this regard;

(c) Whether the Government has requested the UN Comprehensive Commission to extend the prescribed time limit for submission of applications; and

(d) If so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMED)

(a) & (b)The last date for submission of claim applications as decreed by United Nations Compensation Commission (UNCC) was 1st January, 1996. After this date UNCC stopped accepting any claim application. Since then a large number of people have written to us and still continue to write for compensation. These letters have come from all parts of the country including Kerala.

Recently the Government has advertised the names of untraced claimants whose claims have been approved by UNCC, but whose latest addresses were not intimated by them. In response to this we are now receiving large number of letters from claimants included in this list, including from Kerala. Although it was clearly stated that the advertisement was not a call for fresh application, a large number of persons from all over the country including Kerala are still writing to Government seeking to apply afresh.

A Table showing comparative details regarding valid Indian claimants and claimants from Kerala is given at Annexure I.

(c) & (d)Yes Sir. The Government of India has requested the UNCC to extend the prescribed time limit for submission of applications on several occasions. So far, UNCC has expressed its inability to accede to the requests of Government of India for extension of the deadline of 1st January 1996 for acceptance of new claims.

Annexure to Answer to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1149

Table showing the comparative details regarding Indian claimants and claimants from Kerala:

Subject	All India	Kerala
1. Total No. of claimants	More than 100,000	33117
2. Total claimants have received payments.	More than 100,000	31817
3. Total amount paid	Rs. 4600 crores (US$ 1 billion)	Rs.1150 crores (US$250 millions)
4.Total no. of untraced claimants.	6500	466
5.Claim submitted after 01/01/1996	50,000 approx.	5000